

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Art Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 24, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

Shelley Brittingham
Paul Conrath
Dawn Elwell
Rochelle Flynn

Victoria Hall
Laurie Haslund
Dane Johnson
Kathy Justin

David Ketcherside
Maureen Hoffman
Laurie Haslund
June Yormark

Staff Present:

Debbie Zemke, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Supervisor

Guests: Randi Lacey, Donna DiFiore, Guy Harper, Pam Harper, Chris Gonvers, Maureen Hoffman.

Meeting called to order by Rochelle Flynn. Arts Commissioners introduced themselves to the guests present.

Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Public Art Work and Dottie Harper Park Amphitheater Proposals

Guy Harper spoke about the Richard Beyer art piece located in Dottie Harper Park, "Stump People". Mr. Harper proposes that the piece be moved to the grounds of the Burien Community Center where it can have greater visibility. Mr. Harper also referenced another art piece by Richard Beyer located near the Burien Arts Association building that is a granite drinking fountain with a frog. He also recommends that it be moved to the Community Center grounds.

Pam Harper presented a proposal on construction of an amphitheatre stage over the existing fire pit in Dottie Harper Park.

Mr. Harper spoke about his additional proposal to purchase the steel frame of Joshua Slocum's boat SPRAY to be designated as a piece of public art and located at Seahurst Park. His proposal is to convert the basic frame structure into a shelter, covering the frame with heavy fabric material and creating seating from beach logs.

Mr. Harper also spoke about a "Burien Salmon Days" event idea which would include an artist's project similar to the "Pigs on Parade" project in Seattle.

The last project idea Mr. Harper spoke about was a 2D sculpture entitled "Harmony, Balance and Rhythm" that could also be located at the Community Center.

Arts and Culture Fund Guidelines Update:

Debbie distributed summary information from the last meeting's discussion and recommendations on the draft document that was distributed.

Funding Priorities:

- Accept suggested change - Programs developed for or presented in the Burien community.
- Leave as originally stated – Innovative and/or mixed-genre projects that bring a new artistic experience to Burien.
- Leave as originally stated - Arts education experiences for underserved and/or low-income youth.
- Change and move to Review Criteria – Prior grant recipients.

Eligibility:

- Eliminate requirement for individuals to be sponsored by a 501-C-3 organization.

Review Criteria for Funding Consideration:

- Eliminate Burien-based - Collaborative programs or initiatives with other Burien-based arts organizations
- Accept suggested change – Recruitment of underserved populations ...
- Accept suggested change – Participation in City programs.
- Accept addition “Burien based artists and organizations.”

Motion to accept changes to the edited guidelines was approved.

Committee Reports

Arts Education – Victoria Hall

Victoria is hoping to include student artwork in businesses during the upcoming Art Walk.

Downtown Art Walk – Rochelle Flynn

Rochelle reported that a Letter of Call to businesses has been designed and distributed by Gina Kallman. Art Walk '07 schedule is Friday night and Saturday, September 7-8, with businesses open both days. Al Parisi is coordinating performance schedules. Rochelle asked Commissioners to consider volunteering.

Public Art - No report

Performing and Literary Arts

Rochelle reported on the upcoming “Shakespeare in the Park” event at Dottie Harper Park that is being co-sponsored by the Burien Arts Association, Burien Little Theater, and the City.

Shelley gave an update on the Literary Arts Program committee. She will send a copy of draft interview questions and suggested contact organizations to Commission members for input.

Staff Report

Debbie reported on the outcome of the originally-proposed Town Square artwork by Dan Corson. The City Council voted to not accept the design. A proposal to City Council on August 13 will be presented

recommending that The Pomegranate Center facilitate two workshops to create agreed- upon criteria for this piece of art work. Discussion followed regarding possible dates for workshops.

Debbie reported on the Board Training that both Rochelle Flynn and Gwen Benedict attended. She explained to Commissioners that differing opinions from each individual are welcome and encouraged at meetings. She also requested that Commissioners remember that they are members of an advisory group, and that once a motion is approved, the Commission needs to be unified.

South County Cultural Coalition now has a grants information repository that is available for member organizations.

There was discussion regarding appropriate dates for an Arts Summit. The consensus is to schedule it in January '08. Debbie will check on ability to carry-over budgeted money from '07 to '08.

Other

Dane reported on progress regarding the traveling public art proposal and possible locations.

Rochelle reported on her 2006 Annual Report update to the City Council.

There was discussion regarding Mr. Harper's SPRAY proposal. A motion was made by Dane Johnson and seconded by Kathy Johnson to forward Mr. Harper's proposal to Park Board, as it is considered to be a more appropriate venue to discuss possible use of the structure as a shelter. There was consensus that the structure was not a piece of artwork.

Motion to adjourn meeting by June Womack, seconded by David Ketcherside. Motion approved.